and for faving, as far as may be, the parties interested from the damage that CHAP. might otherwise be occasioned by such discontinuance,

- II. Be it enasted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all actions, Actions, &c. fuits and proceedings, depending in the faid court, and undetermined on the revived, &c. twenty-ninth day of October last, be and hereby are revived and continued to the next county court of Queen-Anne's county to be held as is appointed by law; and that the faid actions, fuits, pleas and proceedings, shall, at the next meeting of the faid court to be holden as aforefaid, be in the fame state and condition as if they had been lawfully continued by the judgment or order of the said court.
- III. Provided always, That nothing in this act shall extend to affect or Provide. make liable the bail or fecurity for any person's appearance at the said court held in October last in any suit, civil or criminal, unless in the case of a person under profecution for any crime or misdemeanor a default was entered on the recognizance before the faid discontinuance, or the sheriff was amerced before such discontinuance for default of the defendant's appearance in any civil fuit, but any recognizance entered into by the principal shall stand as an obligation for him to appear at the next meeting of the court, in the same manner as if the condition thereof were for his appearance at the next court, and if he shall not appear on calling the recognizance at the faid court, a default and judgment may be entered, and execution may be iffued accordingly, or without calling the faid recognizance it shall and may be in the discretion of the court to respite the same until the fucceeding term.
- IV. and, for removing doubts which may arise respecting the consequences of the said court not having been held on the thirtieth day of October last. Be it enafted, That all judgments, rules and orders, made and rendered before Judgments, the faid discontinuance, shall be good and valid, according to the intent and &c. to be purpose thereof, and that writs of execution may be taken out as usual at the end of a term, returnable at the next meeting of the faid court, and that all writs of execution already taken out shall be good and effectual as if the said discontinuance had never happened, under the following limitation and restriction, to wit: That any judgment so rendered may be set aside or altered by the said court at their next meeting appointed by law, for any cause that would have been sufficient to set aside or alter the same, upon application or motion at October term last; and if any writ of execution returnable to the said court the Monday before the fourth Tuesday of October last, was returned executed agreeably to the command thereof, and the faid writ and return was not called and confidered before the faid discontinuance, it shall be lawful for the plaintiff or plaintiffs to renew the fame, returnable at the next meeting of the court, and the new writ shall be good and effectual; and if any writ hath already been renewed, returnable at the next meeting of the court, the said new writ shall also be good and effectual.

V. and, whereas from the multiplicity of business depending in the said court, the justices thereof have not been able to hear and determine all the causes depending therein within the time limited by law, Be it enafted, That all pleas, Pleas, &c. adprocess and proceedings, had, made and done, in the said court by the justices we because thereof in causes which have been and done, in the said court by the justices we. thereof, in causes which have been continued longer than the time limited by law, shall be adjudged and taken to be good and valid to all intents and purposes as if the same had been had, made and done, within the time limited by law; and that the justices of the same court may, at the next county court to be held for the faid county, proceed to hear and determine, or further continue, and thereafter hear and determine, the faid causes so depending respectively, as fully and effectually as they might heretofore have done as by law required, the faid continuance or continuances, or any other matter or thing, to the contrary notwithstanding.